GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that approximately 35 per cent of all the foreign educational institutes advertised in all the national newspapers are not even recognized in their respective countries;

(b) if so, whether approximately 85% of the Indian Institutes with which these foreign institutes are associated are neither affiliated to any university nor recognized by the University Grants Commission;

(c) if so, whether there is any mechanism to monitor the genuineness of these institutes;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (e): According to the information compiled by the Association of Indian Universities sometime back, on the basis of advertisements appearing in the Indian newspapers, 144 foreign universities/ colleges/institutions are offering various courses of study to the Indian students. Out of them 117 offer programmes on their home campuses and the remaining 27 are conducting programmes in India through their Indian partners. Though the Government has not received any specific complaint about fake foreign universities/educational institutions enrolling Indian students, with a view of averting such an eventuality Indian Missions in major foreign countries such as United States of America, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada and NewZealand were asked to check on the antecedents and credibility of educational institutions from these countries. The feed back received from the Missions has revealed that some of these institutions are not approved/ accredited by the relevant agencies in their home countries and the Ministry has since approached Ministry of External Affairs before taking up the matter with the Missions of the relevant foreign countries in India. The Government has also asked the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration to conduct a detailed survey on operation of foreign educational institutions in the country covering various aspects including their accreditation in their own countries and the twining arrangements with local institutions. Besides, the All India Council for Technical Education has notified AICTE Regulations for Entry and Operation of Foreign Universities in India imparting technical education, 2003 according to which no foreign university/institution shall establish/ operate its educational activity in India leading to award of diplomas/degrees including post graduate and doctoral without the expressed permission/ approval of the Council.